

הַרִינִי מוֹכֵן וּמְכוּוֹן בְּהַצְבֵּעְתִי הַיּוֹם
לְדַרְשׁ שְׁלוֹם בְּעֵד הַמְדִינָה הַזֹּאת כְּמוֹ שֶׁכָּתוּב:
“וּדְרָשׁוּ אֶת שְׁלוֹם הָעִיר אֲשֶׁר הִגְלִיתִי אֶתְכֶם שָׁמָּה
וְהִתְפַּלְלוּ בְעֵדָה אֶל ה' כִּי בְשְׁלוֹמָה יִהְיֶה לְכֶם שְׁלוֹם.”
יְהִי רְצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ שֶׁהַהַצְבָּעוֹת נִמְנוּ נְאֻמָּנוֹת
וְתִמְנָה הַצְבָּעֵתִי כְּאִלּוּ קִיַּמְתִּי הַכָּתוּב הַזֶּה בְּכָל עֲצָמָתִי.
וְטוֹב יִהְיֶה בְּעֵינֶיךָ שֶׁתֵּתֵן לְכָב חֲכָמָה
לְמִי שֶׁאֲנוּ בוֹחֲרִים הַיּוֹם
וְתִשָּׂא עֲלֵינוּ מִמְשָׁלָה לְטוֹבָה וּלְבִרְכָה,
לְהֵבִיא מִשְׁפָּט וְשְׁלוֹם לְכָל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֵל וְלִירוּשָׁלַיִם
כִּי הַמְלָכוֹת שֶׁלְךָ הֵיא.
וּכְשֶׁם שֶׁהִשְׁתַּתְּפֵתִי בְּבַחֲרֹת הַיּוֹם
כֵּן זְכַנִּי לַעֲשׂוֹת מַעֲשִׂים טוֹבִים וּלְתַקֵּן עוֹלָם בְּכָל פּוּעָלִי
וּבַפְּעוּלֹת ... שֶׁאֲנִי מִתְנַדֵּב לְקִים הַיּוֹם
בְּעֵד כָּל הַבְּרִיאוֹת בְּזִכְרוֹן בְּרִית מִי נֹחַ
לְהִגֵּן וּלְבַל תִּשְׁחִית אֶרֶץ וּמְלוֹאָהּ.
תֵּן לְכָל עַמֵּי הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת הַכֹּחַ וְהָרְצוֹן
לְרַדֵּף צְדָק וּלְבַקֵּשׁ שְׁלוֹם כְּאֲגִדָּה אַחַת
לְהַצְמִיחַ בְּכָל הָעוֹלָם חַיִּים טוֹבִים וְשְׁלוֹם,
וּקִים לָנוּ הַכָּתוּב:
“וַיְהִי נֵעַם אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ עָלֵינוּ
וּמַעֲשֵׂה יָדֵינוּ כּוֹנֵנָה עָלֵינוּ וּמַעֲשֵׂה יָדֵינוּ כּוֹנֵנָהוּ.”

With my vote today, I am prepared and intending
to seek peace for this country, as it is written (Jer. 29:7):
“Seek the peace of the city where I cause you to roam
and pray for her sake to God *YHVH*, for in her peace you all will have peace.”
May it be Your will that votes will be counted faithfully,
and may You account my vote as if I had fulfilled this verse with all my power.
May it be good in Your eyes to give a wise heart
to whomever we elect today
and may You raise for us a government whose rule is for good and blessing,
to bring justice and peace to all the inhabitants of the world and to Jerusalem
for rulership is Yours.
Just as I participated in elections today,
so may I merit to do good works and to repair the world with all my actions,
and with the act of...[fill in your pledge]...which I pledge to do today
on behalf of all living creatures, in remembrance of the covenant of Noah’s waters
to protect and to not destroy the earth and her plenitude.
May You give to all the peoples of this country the strength and the will
to pursue righteousness and to seek peace as a unified force
in order to cause to flourish, throughout the world, good life and peace,
and may You fulfill for us the verse (Ps. 90:17):
“May the pleasure of *Adonai* our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands for us; may the work of our hands endure.”

If you can't pray in a voting booth, where can you pray? And where would you need more to pray? This prayer is not about casting a winning vote or supporting a particular party. It's a prayer that peace may come through whomever is elected, on behalf of the whole planet. It's also more than that: you, the pray-er, are invited to add your own pledge to do a good deed that embodies the ideals you are praying for and voting for, to live your prayer. The pledge is based on the Jewish custom of pledging to give *tsedakah*, charity, when going up to the Torah. What is your pledge on the occasion of “going up” to the voting booth? The two lines following this pledge express the intention to act in the highest interests of all living beings. Only acts taken in this spirit can become truly “established.” Please modify these lines to express in your own words why you act. You can record your pledge at: neohasid.org/stoptheflood/signwave